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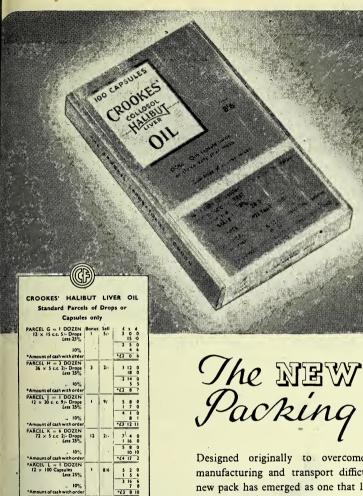
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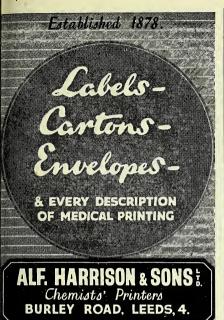
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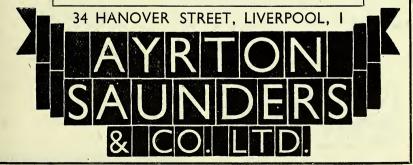
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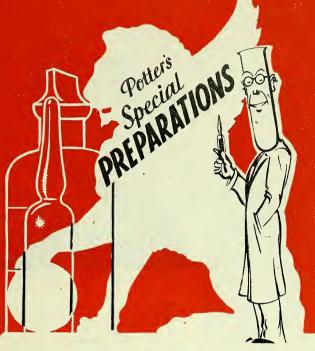
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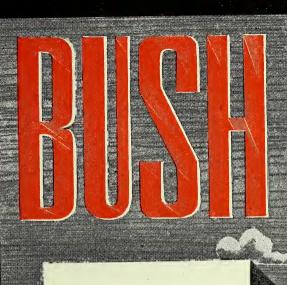


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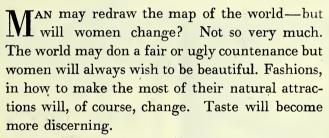
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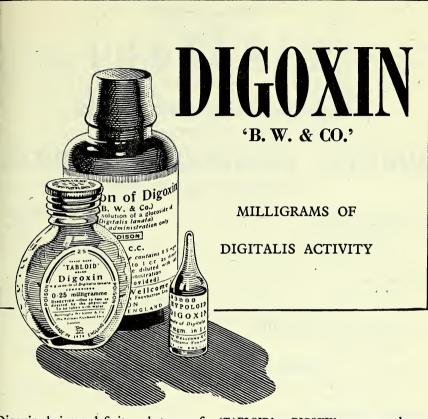
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Price-fixing Order.—Face cloths and slide fasteners are among articles for which prices have been fixed by a new Order made by the Board of Trade (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 300). Retailers of these goods, and of brass safety and white brass pins, must now display a notice giving in prescribed form the maximum prices, and manufacturers and wholesalers must provide the information with their first delivery of goods after April 2, the date on which the Order came into operation.

Financial Agreement with France.—A financial agreement reached between Great Britain and France on March 27 provides that the franc-sterling exchange rate will be modified only after mutual consultation. Financial claims arising from the war are waived between the two countries, and the settlement of other claims of long standing will include the supply by Britain of certain goods and services to France, details of which will be agreed later.

Postal Service to Italy.—From April 2, the limit of weight for letter and letter-

packets for parts of Italy to which a postal service from Britain is in operation has been increased to 2 lb. (postage threepence for first oz. and three-halfpence for each additional oz.). Contents must be limited to correspondence and documents, and business communications must be confined to ascertaining facts and exchanging information. Senders must also comply with the censorship regulations.

Mails to Holland.—The postal service to the liberated areas of Holland has been extended to include private and business letters not exceeding I oz. in weight. Business correspondence is still restricted to ascertaining facts and exchanging information. The rates of postage are: Letters, threepence (limit of weight, I oz.); post cards, twopence. Correspondence is not accepted for registration, insurance or express delivery; and no air-mail, moneyorder or parcel-post service is available.

Insurance Ministry Starts to Operate.— The Ministry of National Insurance on April I took over from the Ministry of Health, the Welsh Board of Health, Department of Health for Scotland, and Ministry of Labour and National Service, the administration of existing social insurance schemes; and from the Home Office its duties in connexion with the Workmen's Compensation Acts. The provision of medical benefits remains the responsibility of the health departments.

Pharmacy Students' Group.—The Bristol and South-western Section of the British Association of Chemists recently inaugurated a group for chemistry and pharmacy students at the Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol.

Administration of Foods and Drugs Act.
—Fleetwood Council is to ask the Food
Ministry to transfer the administration of
the Foods and Drugs Act from Lancashire
County Council to local councils in order to
secure greater efficiency in food inspection.

"Cease Fire" Holiday.—A statement issued by the Ministry of Labour and National Service recommends that, when the "cease fire" is sounded in Europe, there should immediately be for industry two days' holiday with pay, followed later by another day's holiday, both subject to essential services being maintained.

Eire Benevolent Fund Subscriptions.—Miss Christine O'Reilly, M.P.S.I. (treasurer of the Eire Pharmaceutical Benevolent Fund dance committee), issued recently a list of subscribers with details of contributions totalling $\pounds 261$ 5s. Miss O'Reilly announces a profit for 1944 from dance and subscriptions of $\pounds 390$, which is being handed over to the Fund.

Small Traders' Questions Answered.— The Holborn Chamber of Commerce has issued a brochure containing a number of questions and answers on issues of importance to retail traders. It covers the intentions of multiple trade organisations, rent of shop premises, assessment and help for traders whose premises have been destroyed by enemy action. Reprints may be obtained from the secretary of the Chamber at 8 Warner Street, London, E.C.I.

Plymouth Branch Officers.—At the annual meeting of the Plymouth Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, the retiring chairman (Mr. W. F. E. Eustace) invested Mr. J. Smith (head of the pharmacy department, Plymouth Technical College) with the chain of office as *Chairman* for the ensuing year. Mr. Burrows (Balkwill & Co.) was elected *Vice-chairman*, and Mr.

Ramsden was appointed Treasurer. The Secretary (Mr. A. G. Madge) was re-elected

Medical Profession and N.H.S.—Alternative proposals for the administrative structure of a National Health Service have been agreed recently by a negotiating committee of the medical profession, helped by Government representatives, and the proposals are now being referred to the medical profession as a whole. If and when they receive the support of the profession, the Minister of Health will then consider to what extent they are acceptable to the Government.

Serving Members Entertained. — Two members of the Plymouth Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society were entertained to dinner recently while on leave from war service. They were Staff-Sergeant G. P. Oates, on leave from India, and Mr. H. Toy, from the mines. Both gave vivid descriptions of their experiences, environment and conditions, and expounded their views on post-war pharmacy. So that similar honour can be done to other serving pharmacists, members on leave are asked to contact the Branch secretary.

An Early Co-operative Pharmacy.—An illustrated description of the Sussex Co-operative Drug Stores, which was started at 135 Queen's Road, Brighton, in March 1876, by John Shepherd and a few friends, was given in the "Co-operative News," March 10. In 1890 a limited company was formed to take over the business, Shepherd becoming the secretary and manager, and during the next few years further branches were opened at Church Road, London Road, St. James's Street, Western Road, Lewes Road and St. George's Road, Brighton. Shepherd died in 1908, and it is understood that the Society ceased to exist in that year.

Colonial Medical Research Committee .-The Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Medical Research Council have jointly created a Colonial Medical Research Committee under the chairmanship of Sir Edward Mellanby, K.C.B., F.R.S. (secretary, Medical Research Council). The members are: Colonel J. S. K. Boyd, R.A.M.C.; Professor P. A. Buxton, F.R.S. (professor of entomology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine); Dr. A. N. Drury, C.B.E., F.R.S. (director, Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine); Brigadier Hamilton Fairley, C.B.E., F.R.S.; Dr. W. H. Kauntze, C.M.G., M.B.E. (Chief Medical Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies); Professor B. G. Macraith (professor of tropical medicine, iverpool School of Tropical Medicine); or. B. S. Platt (Director of Human Nutrition Research Unit, Medical Research council); Major-General Sir John Taylor.

Australian Shippers' Association.—Matters f special importance to British export rade were dealt with at the annual meeting f the Australian and New Zealand Merhants' and Shippers' Association on March I, when a report by the committee of the association expressed concern at a prohibition by New Zealand of the importation of the items formerly shipped from this country. The prohibited list, it was stated, was continually being extended, and the committee considered there should be a arger measure of reciprocity. The serving ommittee and officers were re-elected.

St. Joseph's Society Annual Meeting .-The pharmacy branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society, Eire, with eight students allocated to it, has paid over £1,300 to the Society for their education. This sum, with about £200 for expenses, represents a collection of some 60,000 sixpences by the branch since it was founded five years ago. During the year just closed the branch has handed over £300. These facts were given in his presidential address by Mr. A. E. Holmes (chairman) at the annual meeting of the branch on March 18. Membership of the branch now stands at approximately one thousand. The Medical Guild during 1944, however, "has only barely managed to exist."
Surgical goods to the value of £8 were dispatched to the Missionary Sisters.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Penicillin for the Colonies.—The Secreary of State for the Colonies (Colonel stanley) said on March 21 that supplies of benicillin were now available from the United Kingdom, the United States or Canada, as was most convenient, for ivilian use on the same basis as in this ountry. Briefly, this permitted the treatment of all civilian cases for which penicillin was known to be effective.

Enemy Patents After the War .- In the House of Lords on March 22, Lord Vanittart asked the following questions on nemy patents: Why the power to vest nemy patents in the Custodian of Enemy Property had not been exercised; what vas the number of enemy applications odged with the Patent Office and still ecret; what facilities, if any, had been tranted to industry to make the subjectnatter of such applications available for nvestigation and potential working; whether the system adopted in this country n granting emergency licences to work enemy inventions was held to be as adequate and satisfactory as the procedure hat had been adopted in the United States; and whether enemy patents would remain in the possession of, or revert to, the enemy after the cessation of hostilities. The Lord Chancellor replied that a committee was sitting to consider what changes, f any, were desirable in the Patents and Designs Act, and in the practice of the Patent Office and the Courts. The number of enemy applications for patents which had not been carried through at the outbreak of war was about 400, and the law by which these would normally be kept secret until the full patent was granted had been modified under the Emergency Powers legislation, so that these patents had been open to the inspection of the fighting and supply departments. British industry was at this moment using what was useful in the applications. As to the fate of German patents, he had told the House last January that the benefits of enemy assets in this country would not be realised by enemy subjects. He stood by that, and could not regard it as in the least likely, in the light of what was now known, that these patents would be allowed to revert to a defeated enemy.

Toilet Paper Supplies.—The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Dalton) said on March 20 that allocations of toilet paper had been substantially increased in December 1944, and increased supplies would reach the shops as soon as the paper could be manufactured and distributed. LIEUT-ENANT-COLONEL WICKHAM: Is the Minister aware that there have been complaints not only from the general public and from public authorities, but also from the 'Association of Pharmacists,' that there has been no perceptible improvement in the situation? Can he say when there will be an improvement? Mr. Dalton: In this matter we have been living largely on stocks, which are approaching exhaustion. I have, however, made vigorous efforts to increase production, and we have now passed more than three-quarters of the pre-war rate of production which, in the sixth year of the war, is not too bad.

IN THE COURTS

Excessive Price for Combs.—At Hanley, on March 20, Philip Bloom, Park Avenue, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, a director of the Potteries Toilet Co., Ltd., was fined £87 and ordered to pay £10 10s. costs on ten summonses for selling combs and brushes at above the maximum price.

Opium Den Raid.—Fines totalling £17 were imposed on five persons, three of them Chinese subjects; and a sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed on King Lee Sang, for offences in connexion with opium smoking, discovered during a midnight raid on an opium den in the West End of London, recently.

Razor-blades at Excessive Price.—At Preston police court recently, Jesse Smith Turner, salesman, Blackpool, described as "the razor-blade king," was fined £10 on each of six charges of selling razor-blades at more than the permitted price, and £5 on each of six charges of failing to keep copies of invoices for twelve months.

Combs Overcharge.—At Woking, on March 3, George Stearn, military tailor, Duke Street, Woking, was fined £150, with £10 10s. costs, or three months' imprisonment, for selling three combs at above the legal controlled price. For one comb, which should have been sold at 8d., he charged 2s. 6d. For the others, also sold at 2s. 6d., the controlled price was 1s. each.

Excessive Illumination.—At Bow Street, London, magistrates' court, recently, Ascott's Pharmacies (1933), Ltd., Colnbrook, Bucks, were fined £3, with £5 costs, for using, at their branch at Coventry Street, London, W., electricity for illumination in excess of 1½ watts for every sq. ft. of area. It was stated that a total of 750 watts was being used on November 28, 1944, instead of a permitted 450 watts.

Pharmacy Act Infringement.—At Shrewsbury, recently, Ernest James Bayley, Ernest Alex Bayley, and John Taylor Armstrong, trading as E. H. Bayley & Sons, seedsmen, were fined £3 for selling phenol on February 6 without being on the County Council's list of sellers of poisons, and without effecting the sale at premises specified on that list. A further fine of £3 was imposed for selling the phenol in a container not labelled in the prescribed manner. It was stated that a test purchase of a tin of a composition used for spraying fruit trees was made by an inspector of the local council, and that the product was found to contain 8 per cent. w/w of phenol.

COMPANY NEWS

Tonoids, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £1,50 Manufacturing chemists, chemists' sundrie men, etc. Thomas Lloyd, M.P.S., and Mr Naomi Lloyd, directors. R.O.: 3 Kir Street, Plymouth.

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Industrial & Scientific Instrument Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £1,000. Designe and manufacturers of instruments are equipment for the medical, chemical at other industries, etc. Walter A. Ne John G. Davis, and Stanley J. Wardirectors. R.O.: 15–17 Tavistock Plat London, W.C.I.

LEWIS & BURROWS, LTD.—Dividend ordinary shares for year to September 3 1944, is 5 per cent.

United Glass Bottle Manufacturer LTD.—A final dividend on the ordina shares of 6 per cent., together with a cabonus of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., has been announce for 1944.

Beechams Pills, Ltd.—A third interidividend of 17 per cent. has been declare making, with the interim dividends alread paid, a total of 32 per cent. for the year March 31.

ASCOTT'S PHARMACIES (1933), LTD. Following the resignation of Mr. S. Smit M.P.S., as managing director, Mr. Kerman is taking the position whilst 1 maining chairman of the board. Mr. A. Deitsch, M.P.S., has been appointed a director and has taken over the superintender ship from Mr. S. Smith as from March 31.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

B.E.T.R.O.

The British Export Trade Research Organisation, particulars about which appear on pp. 316 and 327, is manifestly destined to play an important part in restarting the hard-hit export trade of this . country. The view, lately expressed, that Government departments are paying only lip-service to our export trade is too severe: it is nearer the mark to adapt an old phrase and say that in this sphere civil servants have a zeal, but not according to knowledge. The common experience of those daily occupied with such matters is that official statistics are good so far as they go, though frequently failing to supply the detailed analysis required by exporters. The necessity of adequate preparation for enteringoverseas markets can hardly be overstressed. In this connexion it is satisfactory to read that B.E.T.R.O. will work in close association with a specialised advertising service. In a conversation with a director of one of our leading manufacturing houses some years ago, a question of advertising policy was mentioned; and I remember the director saying, in effect: "If we do so-andso, we may hit our friends as well as our rivals." The application of this principle is obvious. Concerted study of commercial conditions in the Empire and in foreign countries should obviate undesirable clashes. The comprehensive plans published include provision for affiliation with trade associations: this will enable manufacturers who work on a comparatively small scale to keep in touch with B.E.T.R.O.

Not Too Easy

The article "Thirty-three Years On" (p. 332) is one of the most factual accounts of National Health Insurance dispensing that I have seen, and affords ample justification for improved terms of service for panel chemists. In this section last week I commented, to the extent that my space permitted, on the bare and unsystematic character of some of the formulas in the National War Formulary; I was then about to add that an intelligent patient prefers, other things being equal, to be given a detailed prescription rather than one consisting of a one-line reference to a published formula. In the prescription for a spray solution printed on p. 333 your readers have a companion picture forming a striking contrast to any of those indicated last week. In this case the patient must have realised that he or she was getting good value, on the face of it, for the weekly fourpence (or whatever the present rate is): the dispensing chemist may not have felt so satisfied. An experienced dispenser would presumably make 1,000 minims of the solution and discard the odd forty minims after supplying the 3ij. prescribed; but how would he weigh o.4 grain of homatropine hydrobromide and similar fractions of a grain of two other ingredients? And how much profit, if any, would there be on the completed transaction? Most of the other 'rather unusual" items cited in your article can be justified on some ground or other; but what was the purpose of the 2 oz. of oil of peppermint, costing, according to your most recent Dispensing Price List, 11s. 3d. per oz.? That quantity, worked up into lozenges, would have sufficed to aromatise a dozen Victorian rural churches on a Sunday.

Proprietary Medicines in 1783

From a news paragraph on p. 315 I learn that Mr. R. H. Kemp has been tracing the history of proprietary medicines. At the time of the passing of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act of 1941, it struck me as odd (though perhaps it was only symptomatic of lack of interest) that, so far as my reading extended, nothing substantial regarding the history of proprietary medicines appeared in any English newspaper or magazine outside the technical Press. That lost opportunity does not affect your readers, who can consult various articles in the C. & D. and its Diaries whenever they are so inclined. The standpoint of the retail chemists of 1783 is not difficult to appreciate if one reads contemporary records with due attention. Their chief anxieties were, first, uncertainty as to the interpretation of the Act; and, secondly, the activities of the common informer, then and for some years afterwards a public pest. Francis Spilsbury. a chemist in Soho Square, London, was active in setting forth the chemists' case in the Press. On September 1, 1783, the day before the first Medicines Stamp Act came into force, he wrote in "The Morning Chronicle," apropos of difficulty of interpretation: "Eminent Counsel have been consulted on the occasion. They disagreeing, application to the Attorney-General became absolutely necessary to clear up certain points. . . . The Attorney's answer is waited . for with great anxiety in London, which may in some measure alleviate their fears of a general stop to trade." Xravser

MARRIAGES

Huggins—Beavers.—At Reading, on March 28, Ronald G. Huggins (a director of John Ronaldson & Co., Ltd., drug merchants, London) to Daisy Beavers, York.

Shrive—Blackburn.—At St. Paul's, Blackpool, on March 24, Bernard Shrive, M.P.S. (photographic unit, Royal Air Force), 347 Kensington High Street, London, W.8, to Pauline Blackburn (Lancs Insurance Committee), Blackpool.

DEATHS

CHAMBERS.—On August 31, 1944, Mr. Cecil James Chambers, M.P.S., 109 Alfreton Road, Nottingham. He qualified in 1920.

COATS.—At Edinburgh, on March 26, Mr. John Thomson Coats, Ph.C., 29 Fairmile Avenue, Edinburgh, aged eighty-three. Mr. Coats, who retired five years ago, was previously for fifty-six years in business as a chemist in Edinburgh, and was one of the oldest members of the Pharmaceutical Society. His original business was established at Tolbooth Wynd, Leith, in 1884, and later other branches of the company (John P. Coats & Co., Ltd.) were opened in Ferry Road and Broughton Street. The wholesale and manufacturing side of the business was carried on at Broughton Laboratories. Mr. Coats was a former chairman of the Scottish Pharmaceutical Federation, and had also many interests outside his profession. A High Constable of Edinburgh, he also took an active interest in the Boy Scout movement. During the last war he held a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He is survived by his widow.

ELLIS.—On February 28, Mr. Albert Ernest Ellis, M.P.S., 4 Fordway Avenue, Blackpool, Lancs. He qualified in 1925.

Felton.—On February 13, Mr. William Felton, M.P.S., 253 Balls Pond Road, London, N.1. Mr. Felton qualified in 1887.

FORDHAM.—On March 11, Mr. Roland Fordham, M.P.S., 92 Cromwell Road, Winchester. He qualified in 1923.

HILL.—Suddenly, on March 28, Mr. Ernest Victor Hill, M.P.S., 18 Langham Court, Wyke Road, Raynes Park, London, S.W.20, aged thirty-five. Mr. Hill, who qualified in 1932, joined the staff of Warrick Brothers, Ltd., London, N.1, in 1939. He is survived by his widow and a daughter.

Parkinson.—On March 10, Mr. Thomas Parkinson, Rilstone, Garstang Road, Broughton, proprietor of Wilk Parkinson & Son, wholesale chemists, Dawson Stree Preston, Lancs, aged sixty-six.

ROBERTS.—On March 29, after a bri illness, Mr. F. W. Roberts, M.P.S., Church Walk, Worthing, managing dire tor, W. Aston & Co., Ltd., chemists, 25— Montague Street, Worthing, aged sevent Mr. Roberts was secretary for some year and later chairman, of the Sussex and Ker Federation of Pharmaceutical Associ He was a member of the We Sussex Pharmaceutical Association and the local branch of the Pharmaceutic Society for many years, and served tern as president and treasurer in both. Durir the present war he had been chairman the West Sussex District Pharmaceutic War Committee. He was a Rotarian, member of the council of the local Chamb of Trade, and held many offices in th Steyne Gardens Wesleyan Church, of which he was a member for forty-four years.

Scott.—Recently, Mr. Walter Care Scott, Ph.C., 316 Wheeler Street, Bi mingham, aged seventy-seven. Mr. Sco was in business at that address for ovifity-five years. He gained his pharm ceutical chemist qualification at the at of twenty-one, and opened a business Birmingham immediately afterwards.

WILLOUGHBY.—At Stanley Camp, Hor Kong, in January, as the result of an a raid on the island, Mr. George Willoughb formerly of 6 Oswalds Wynd, Kirkcald Mr. Willoughby qualified as a chemist an druggist in 1930.

Woolls.—At Margate, on March I Mrs. Margaret Woolls, for several yea managing director of V. J. Woolls, Ltd chemists, a business founded by her lahusband, aged seventy.

WILLS

PILOT-OFFICER DEREK JOHN CHAS R.A.F., M.P.S., 87 Bury Road, Alverstok Hants, left £13,390.

MR. John Keall, M.P.S., Axholm Chartfield Avenue, Putney, London, S.V (president, 1933–35, Pharmaceutical Sciety of Great Britain), left £10,562, wit net personalty £909.

MR. FREDERICK JACKS, J.P., 13 Granvil Terrace, Stone, Staffs, formerly of 61 Hig Street, Stone, retired pharmacist, for nearl twenty years a magistrate in the county of Stafford, a former chairman of the Storurban district council, one of the founder of the Stone Traders' Association, a membor of the Staffordshire Insurance Committee left £24,026, with net personalty £21,409

PERSONALITIES

LORD TRENT (chairman of Boots, Ltd.) as resigned from the post of Regional Comnissioner for the North Midland Region.

MR. F. B. ROYAL, M.P.S. has been



ppointed an Assistant Director, Chemical Branch, Economic Division, Control Commission for Germany, and will leave shortly take up his new duties. Mr. Royal was educated at King Edward VI School, Norwich, and served his apprenticeship with Gardiner & Lacey, Norwich. After three years' vice in Salonica

luring the war of 1914-18 he studied at the College of the Pharmaceutical Society and qualified in 1920. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in hospital pharmacy at University College and St. Mary, Islington, Hospitals, and recently as Supervisory Pharmacist to the London County Council at County Hall, Westminster. Mr. Royal has been a member of council of the Guild of Public Pharmacists for fourteen years and served as secretary and president 1936-40; he is a member of the following committees: Action and Uses, British Pharmaceutical Codex; British Pharmacopæia Ointments; National War Formulary; and Central Pharmaceutical War Committee. He represents the Guild on the Public Services Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society.

ALDERMAN EDWIN THOMPSON will continue in office as High Sheriff of Lancashire during the next Liverpool and Manchester Assizes, owing to the ill-health of his successor.

Professor Sir Alexander Fleming, discover of penicillin, is shortly, by resolution by the Paddington borough council, to be made an honorary Freeman of the borough.

Mr. C. W. Lockwood has recently retired from the staff of May & Baker, Ltd., Dagenham, after many years' service with the company, during the greater part of which he was a representative in the South of England. Mr. Lockwood did much to establish the company's business in drugs

and fine chemicals, and it is with regret that he now severs his connexion. As a token of esteem, his friends in the company have presented him with a cheque.

Mr. G. A. Tocher, M.P.S., who contributes an article to this week's issue of C. & D., was instrumental in founding the various district associations comprising the London County Pharmaceutical Association. At the first meeting of the delegates from the district associations held on October 31, 1912, the late Mr. Peter McEwan (Editor of THE CHEMIST AND Druggist) was present and took part in the proceedings when the County Executive was constituted. Mr. Tocher was then appointed honorary secretary.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April -11

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2, at 1.45 p.m. Mr. F. A. Mercer on "The Industrial Design Consultant."

AND SOUTH-WESTERN SCOTTISH GLASGOW Branch, Pharmaceutical Society, Highlanders' Institute, 27 Elmbank Street, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

Thursday, April 12

PROPRIETARY ARTICLES TRADE ASSOCIATION, Russell Hotel, London, W.C.1, at 3 p.m. Annual meeting.

EIRE PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS' AND STU-DENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE, Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Seventeenth annual dance.

Sunday, April 15

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association. Ramble to Miller's Dale and Monsal Dale. Meet Central Station, 8.45 a.m. Book Buxton return.

Monday, April 16

Nottingham Branch, PHARMACEUTICAL Society, Demonstration theatre, Gas Showrooms, Parliament Street, Nottingham, at 7 p.m. Annual meeting, followed by a 7 p.m. Annual meeting, "quiz" (ladies v. gentlemen).

Tuesday, April 17

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT AND NORTHUMBERLAND Branch, Pharmaceutical Society, Clayton Room, Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at 7.15 p.m. Annual meeting. Five-minute talks by Mr. G. H. M. Graham on "The N.P.U. Business Purchase and Guarantee Fund"; Miss Isobel Hay on "Activities of the Newcastle Branch of Women Pharmacists"; and Mr. H. Whewell on "Exployee Organisation" on "Employee Organisation."

TRADE NOTES

On C.F. List.—E.N.T. Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 431 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol, 7, state that E.N.T. powders are now on the Chemists' Friends list.

Moth Season.—Described as the most deadly moth destroyer, Nomomot is being offered by Lewis (Import & Export), Ltd., 38 Great Portland Street, London, W.I, in various packings, which are described in an announcement in this issue.

Optical Training.—The National Association of Opticians, 130 Princes Road, Liverpool, 3, invites applications for syllabus and entrance forms in connexion with its next examination, which will be held in Edinburgh on May 7, 8, and 9. The latest date for receiving entries is April 9.

Design for Perfumery.—Glastics, Ltd., Ferndown, Dorset, offer the services of Mr. William Bennett and his associate designers in putting forward new ideas for perfumery and cosmetic containers in glass and plastics to manufacturers now engaged in planning their post-war trading activities.

Dental Instruction.—The Royal Dental Hospital of London gives particulars of courses leading up to the B.D.S. and L.D.S. diplomas in May, October and January, and available at the School of Dental Surgery, Leicester Square, London, W.C.2. An announcement appears on another page.

New Calamine Cream.—Inquiries are invited by Charles F. Thackray, Ltd., The Old Medical School, Park Street, Leeds, I (sole distributors of preparations issued by Southon Laboratories, London, S.W.15) for a new product, Esoban cream of calamine, a soothing emulsion possessing the essential features of the existing Esoban skin treatment. Prices are quoted in an advertisement in this issue.

New Packing.—A packing originally introduced by Crookes Laboratories (British Colloids, Ltd.), Park Royal, London, N.W. 10, to overcome war-time manufacturing difficulties, presents Crookes' halibut-liver oil capsules, the makers claim, in a manner that is at once attractive on the chemist's counter and convenient for the customer's pocket or handbag. Terms for bonus parcels are given in this issue.

In Preparation for Post-war Trading.— Antoine Chiris, Ltd., 58 Brook Street, London, W.I, are already working on problems connected with post-war trade in perfumery, cosmetics, soap, and allic products, while continuing to act, on the essential oils side, as an accredited representative and distributor under the Ministry of Food essential oils schemed News has been received in London that the chairman of the associated company France (M. Leon Chiris) is serving as a officer in the French army in liaison with the American Forces on the Continent The Chiris factories at Grasse are undestood to be undamaged.

Reduced Prices .- New reduced price for Cibazol (sulphathiazole-Ciba) are ar nounced by Ciba, Ltd., The Laboratorie Horsham, Sussex, to take effect on April The new prices affect tablets: cream an ointment (5 per cent.); powder; ampoules and Cibazol-proflavine powder.—Prelimir ary information is given elsewhere in the issue of price reductions made by Pharm aceutical Specialities (May & Baker), Ltd in their M. & B. 693 preparations. The ne prices, which will be given in a later an nouncement, will come into operation of May 14. The company also announces revised schedule of prices covering the com plete range of Thiazamide brand sulpha thiazole (M. & B. 760) products. The latte prices take effect on April 9.

Business Changes

Mr. C. J. Hocking has been appointed relief manager in the pharmacy departmen of the Plymouth Co-operative Society, Ltd

MR. E. Kershaw has returned to Antoine Chiris, Ltd., and resumed his activities a sales manager. For the past five years he has been an officer in the Royal Air Force.

Mr. George Currie, M.P.S., F.S.M.C. Edinburgh, has purchased the old-established business of David Mathewson Blackhall, Edinburgh. He will continue to trade under the old name.

Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Alterations to Protected List.—Damancy & Co., Ltd., Dellipsoids, prescription pack, D.1 iron and yeast, 60's, 12s. doz., tax 2s. doz. inclusive retail price 1s. 11d.; new size, 120's, 20s. doz., tax 3s. 4d. doz., ir.p. 3s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.; D.2 tonic, 40's, 14s. doz., tax 2s. 4d. doz., ir.p. 2s. 3d.; three doz. prescription packs less 2\frac{1}{2} per cent., six doz. less 5 per cent., twelve doz. less 10 per cent.

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PHARMACEUTICAL EXPORT GROUP REPORT

port Group has recently been published.

refollowing information is abstracted on it:— E report for 1944 of the Pharmaceutical

1944, like previous war years, has been II of difficulty for exporters, although, wards the end of the year, there appeared tendency for certain restrictions to be sed. Lend-Lease conditions continue to mper trade, but it is hoped that these, o, will soon be eased; phenol and merry have already been removed from the and-Lease list. Limited shipping facilis have continued to hamper commerce, d there appears to be little prospect of y alleviation in this respect.

ulk Indents

Bulk indents have provided the Export roup with a considerable volume of tivity during the year. The number the stimated alue of £490,953, against eighty-three, alue of £677,794, in 1943. The estimated alue of bulk industry allowed the stimated alue of the stimated alue of the stimated alue of £490,953, against eighty-three, alue o alue of bulk indents allocated since their troduction in 1943 is £1,168,747, and ibute should be paid to the work done y the allocation committees. A satisctory outcome of representations made the Department of Overseas Trade is ne modified system of bulk indenting Middle East countries, and the limit-og of bulk indents for British Colonies accordance with a specified list of rugs and chemicals. It is hoped that uring the present year bulk indenting ill cease.

The Group had the advantage during ne year of being addressed by representaves of members visiting this country from verseas markets, including the following: ndia, Mr. R. Lumley (Boots Pure Drug o., Ltd.); South Africa, Mr. L. S. Dyson

The British Drug Houses, Ltd.).
The draft rules of the India Drug Act, 940, were examined by a subcommittee see C. & D., 1944. II. 405), and recom-

nendations and suggestions were subnitted, the result of which will be, it is oped, to place the pharmaceutical industry India on a more satisfactory basis. The roup continued to act as medium for pproving for shipment orders received om India, by both manufacturers and nerchants, for drugs, pharmaceutical chemcals and preparations, druggists' sundries, eterinary and dental goods. In this onnexion the India Office rendered valu-

ble assistance. Orders approved during

the year totalled 8,723, for dispatch by post and as shipping freight. For goods sent as freight, shipping letters were issued for 69,555 packages, representing 8,506 cu. tons. As in 1943, the scheme worked satisfactorily.

Trade Mark Action

A committee which was elected to consider the best method of preventing the registration of "open" names as trade marks in overseas countries has met several times during the year, and a list has been prepared of names, the registration of which as trade marks should, in its view, not be permitted. Already considerable success has attended the efforts of the committee in preventing registration of the word "penicillin" and words similar thereto. In some instances registrations have been cancelled.

The formation of a co-ordinating committee of the Medical and Surgical Export Groups, which was announced in the report for 1943, was welcomed by the Department of Overseas Trade and Ministry of Supply. The Group is represented on the committee by its chairman and vicechairman. The committee has met frequently throughout the year, and has had useful discussions with Government officials; moreover, it is constantly impressing H.M. Government with the need for early release of materials, labour, plant and buildings, and finance in relation to postwar credits, to enable the export trade of the country to be maintained and expanded.

Officers for 1945

The members of the Executive Committee for 1945 are as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. C. Oscar Shaw (The British Drug Houses, Ltd.); Vice-chairman, Mr. Stanley W. Whiffen (Whiffen & Sons, Ltd.); Elected members: Messrs. Kenneth C. Allen (Stafford Allen & Sons, Ltd.); G. Dalrymple (Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd.); I. V. L. Fergusson (Evans Sons Lescher & Webb, Ltd.); R. Greenwood (Allen & Hanburys, Ltd.); G. E. Howard (Howards & Sons, Ltd.); L. G. Matthews (Burroughs Wellcome & Co.); C. A. O. Rideal (May & Baker, Ltd.); and C. L. Saul (Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd.); co-opted members: the chairman of the Fine Chemical Export Group; general manager of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers; and secretary of the Wholesale Drug Trade Association.

GUILD OR TRADE UNION?

A MEETING of members of the Guild of Public Pharmacists resident in the Northwestern district, held in Manchester recently, was addressed by Messrs. Henriksen and Currie. The meeting had been called to discuss a resolution, passed at a previous district meeting, "That the Guild should cease that part of its activities relating to the establishment and negotiation of salaries and conditions of service and that it should recommend its members to join a specified Trade Union, which would take over these functions." Mr. Henriksen gave a detailed account of progress made by the Guild in the negotiations between the Professional Staffs Committee and the Employers' Committee, and said that in his opinion it would be folly to press the resolution at present.

The Guild represented 70 per cent. of pharmacists in hospital practice, and no other body could claim to represent more than a small proportion. Mr. Currie said he was an ardent trade unionist, but was sure that the policy of the Guild was the one which the vast majority of members supported. Mr. A. Webb asked if it would not be wise for the Guild to register as a

Trade Union, and if it could, as at present constituted, make agreements which would be valid in law. Mr. Phillipson said he would support the present policy of the Guild, if it would become a Trade Union, and so cease to compete with recognised Trade Unions. MESSRS. SAUL, TINNEY, and MEES all spoke in support of the Guild's policy, and Mr. SAUL moved that the resolution should be withdrawn. This was carried with only three dissentients. Mr. CURRIE said it might be wise to register as a Trade Union, but the Council had been instructed by an annual meeting not to do this, and it could not be done unless there was a change of heart among members. The Guild could make valid agreements, and he could see little advantage to be gained from registration. He explained the distinction between registration with the Registrar of Friendly Societies, and recognition by the Trades Union Congress. The position of the Guild representatives on the Professional Staffs Committee was not in the least affected by the fact that it was unregistered or unrecognised, the only criterion being that it should represent the majority of hospital pharmacists.

PROFESSOR TODD ON APPRENTICESHIP POLICY

At the March meeting of the Glasgow and South-western Scottish Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, THE PRESIDENT (Mr. Andrew Officer) introduced the speaker, Professor J. P. Todd (Professor of Pharmacy, Glasgow Royal Technical College), as a past-president of the Branch, and expressed the appreciation of members for his work on behalf of the blood-transfusion service.

Professor Todd, whose subject was "Apprenticeship," emphasised the importance of a steady flow of entrants into pharmacy, and said the problem was presenting serious difficulties. The main flow of entrants tended to come through schools and not from pharmacies. Of those who did come from retail businesses, many had an apprenticeship in name only. It was, in fact, a common experience to find that no practical instruction had previously been given. There was no doubt that a good apprenticeship produced a much better craftsman, but at present they were proposing to impose conditions which few pharmacists were prepared to carry out, and the full enforcement of which would have the effect of reducing the number of entrants to pharmacy. It

was only possible, except in multiple establishments, to trace some ten apprentices in the whole of the West of Scotland. The question was whether apprenticeship as it now existed was really worth while. On the Continent, the common practice was for apprenticeship to be taken after passing the academic examinations, and members should consider whether or not this method should be adopted here. The abstract value of "atmosphere" in apprenticeship had been grossly overrated. While it was not suggested that apprenticeship could be abolished completely, there was some argument in favour of modifying it profoundly to bring it into line with modern conditions. If this were not done, the results might be serious for pharmacy. Care should be taken, when discussing the problem, not to be over-biased in favour of the particular branch of pharmacy in which one was occupied. A broad view of the problem was necessary, since the manufacturer, the hospital pharmacist, and those engaged in research problems also came into the picture. In the days when trade guilds were common, apprenticeship was the only means of entry to, and

he only means of becoming skilled in, a raft, and it was the common practice for pupil to pay for his instruction. Today he majority of apprentices did not learn he craft, and the existing apprenticeship constituted an inconvenient bar to entering he profession. Under the proposals of the Education Act, the apprentice would pend part of his time during working nours attending classes. The extent to which this system could be adapted to pharmacy was questionable.

When and How to Take the Examination

One of the main disadvantages of the bresent-day apprenticeship, taken eaving school, was the break in continuity of study it involved. It was generally etter to take the intermediate examination before commencing apprenticeship. This nvolved a further break in continuity of study and, while no one doubted the value of such a course in a properly constituted apprenticeship, the existing system was in most cases unsatisfactory. All first-year students should take a common course of such standard as would lead to the intermediate examination for a degree in pharmacy. The teacher would then be in a position to state which candidates were suitable for the academic type of qualification and which were more suited to a professional or business career. danger at present was that other bodies were becoming interested in pharmacy,

and it would be an unhappy position if they found themselves with their manufacturing and research facilities in the hands of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, or of graduates in applied science other than pharmacy. They must guard this part of their possessions by training the best of their men for that type of work. It was a common experience to find that the best students were attending the non-graduating course, while the less bright were attending an extended degree course. That should be remedied, and could be, by scrapping the Society's Intermediate examination and substituting a first examination for a degree; the practical difficulties in carrying this out were not insurmountable. should be possible for the poorest student with State aid to gain the highest qualification. In Scotland, at least, the system of allocating grants, irrespective of merit, was not producing the best results.

In the discussion which took place after the address, Messrs. Colin Campbell, Currie, W. Spence Culbertand others took part. The meeting generally agreed that apprenticeship was desirable, but there was considerable divergence of opinion as to when the apprenticeship should take place, and opposite views were also expressed as to its length. Members maintained that apprenticeships should be served only where there existed proper facilities for training. The Council's latest move in this connexion was welcomed.

HOT SPRINGS DELEGATE ON TRADE POLICY

CAPTAIN L. D. GAMMANS, M.P., who was a British delegate at the International Conference, at Hot Springs, Virginia, held under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Relations, on "The Future of the Far East," addressed the London Chamber of Commerce on March 19. The following are points from his address:—

Britain's export trade has almost disappeared; practically all her overseas investments, the interest on which paid for nearly 30 per cent. of pre-war imports, have been liquidated. About £3,000,000,000 is owed to India, the Dominions, and other countries—a stm equal to six years' pre-war export trade. A most serious factor is that in many directions British industrial efficiency has lagged behind that of the United States.

What, then, is needed? First, from the Government a sensible monetary policy based upon an expansionist philosophy,

a general over-all direction of British industry, but not bureaucratic interference. Also, if Britain is faced by subsidised competition from any quarter, ruthless employment of her bargaining power as the greatest importing nation in the world. From industry the country expects a modernising of equipment and the adoption of up-to-date methods of manufacture, distribution and advertising; from the trade unions, a readier acceptance of the necessity for mobility of labour and abandonment of restrictionist outlook.

If this country is to re-equip her industry to meet American competition, and to repair the ravages of war, then for several years preference must be given to capital expenditure over consumer goods. Savings must be expended on machine tools, on re-equipment of British railways and on coal mines and similar undertakings, "before silk stockings, or tinned peaches from California can be imported."

SIGHT-TESTING EQUIPMENT—I

by S. H. Lees, F.B.O.A. (Hons.)

HE first question that arises in the mind of the pharmacist who has decided to practise sight-testing, assuming that he has acquired the necessary knowledge of the subject, is that of instruments and equipment. There may be many instruments he would like but cannot afford: there are certainly many instruments he cannot afford to be without.

J.C.Q.O. Factory Specification

Some time ago the chairman of the Factory Committee of the Joint Council of Qualified Opticians gave a list of the minimum apparatus specified by the J.C.Q.O. for the factory optician. The list comprised test types (distance and reading); mirror (if necessary); trial case; trial frame; condensers, etc.; ophthalmoscope; luminous retinoscope; near-point rule; near muscle test; perimeter; Bjerrum screen with Traquair targets; colour tests (lantern and Ishihara); Wright's test for dark adaptation; malingering tests; and diploscope. No doubt many factory opticians use far more instruments than the specified minimum, but the list provides a satisfactory basis for the beginner in refraction, whose means may be limited.

In the practice of refraction the man is more important than the tools or, to put it another way, by far the most important tool is his knowledge of optics and his readiness to apply it carefully and conscientiously. A good man will do good work with simple equipment, and there are no instruments yet devised that will turn a bad refractionist into a good one. Many expensive and ingenious instruments which have been produced for the objective estimation of refractive errors give less reliable results than those obtained by a skilled operator with an ordinary non-luminous retinoscope. The beginner is therefore advised to proceed with caution, and to familiarise himself first with conventional methods and equipment, after which he will be in a better position to assess the possibilities of other methods and instruments.

Charts

The writer has used various charts, and prefers the internally illuminated type. A simple cardboard chart incorporating a fan and letters is adequate for ordinary purposes. The advantages of the internally

illuminated type are that there are no dis · tracting reflections, that by sectional illu mination the patient's attention is directe at will, and that a spotlight and duochrom test can be included. The writer's char includes a revolving drum, so that only on line of the smaller letters is visible at once It is advisable to have two 6/6 lines, usin one for each eye, and one drum panel t include letters from 6/24 to 6/6, to sav time when taking the visual acuity. Ther is no question of choosing between a tria case and a refractor. A trial case is essential since a refractor is unreliable for near vision tests, particularly if high powers of lense are necessary, the effective powers of the lenses in refractors being computed fo six metres. Neither the refractor nor the trial frame is free from limitations, but the refractor is not an alternative to the tria case and frame. If only one trial frame i used it should be of the spring-cell type, in

which the cylinder will remain at the correct axis. but a drop-cell frame is useful for retinoscopy, so that the lenses can be changed quickly with one hand.

Ophthalmoscopes and Retinoscopes

A good ophthalmo-scope can be obtained very cheaply. The May type has certain disadvantages, of which one is that it does not permit a quick change between the o and the + 20 powers. There is now a model available with an auxiliary disc of lenses comprising + 8, + 20, - 30 and - 10, the + 20 being next to the sight-hole. This disc is additional to the



usual battery of lenses, and there is the further advantage that the power of the lens in use is indicated under illumination. Luminous retinoscopes are in favour nowadays, although there are still refractionists who prefer the non-luminous kind. The shadow movement is quicker with the latter, but the reflex is easier to observe with the former. Retinoscopy is easier if the subject is in a swivel chair, so that reflections from

e trial lenses can be dealt with by slight justments of the chair, rather than by fering the position of the patient's head. he Maddox Wing test is convenient for car muscle investigation and is better, in ne writer's opinion, than dissociation tests epending on prisms or coloured glasses. he most serviceable perimeter is one havg a very broad arc of 30 or 33 cms. radius. narrow arc, such as is found on small and perimeters, does not provide a proper ackground for the target. The arc should ave a dull black, matt surface. Self-regisering perimeters are a waste of time. better to have the target in the hand so hat it can be passed backwards and forards at the extremities of the field fairly uickly, to give more satisfactory results.

For investigating the size of the blind spot, and central parts of the field in detail, a Bjerrum screen can be made from wood or cloth. It should be one metre square if intended for use at one metre. Alternatively a screen of the roller-blind type, stitched to correspond with angular markings on the chart, is supplied by the makers complete with dust cover.

There is one addition the writer would like to make to the J.C.Q.O. list, and that is a pair of cross-cylinders for checking the strength and axis of astigmatic corrections. The most useful powers are 0.25 and 0.50. With the exception of the diploscope, none of these instruments is of much use for orthoptics, which is a special branch of refraction.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY DISCHARGE LAMP

PAPER on "Electric Discharge Lamps for Photography," given before the Associaion for Scientific Photography by Mr. I. K. Bourne, M.Sc., in London recently, vas illustrated by a display of typical amps. Photographically, electric-discharge amps have high actinic efficiency combined with low heating-power; the shape, size and brightness of the light source can be lesigned to give maximum efficiency of tilisation; long life is a prominent feature. Exploitation of principle has proceeded long two divergent lines: Low-pressure nd high-pressure. In the modern lowressure lamp the pressure of mercury apour is only a fraction of I mm.; the amp emits considerable long- and shortvave ultra-violet radiation, which, by neans of fluorescen't powders coated on the aside of the tube, is converted to visible ght of longer wave-lengths. The lowressure lamp forms a well-diffused light ource closely resembling daylight and apable of giving accurate colour rendering.

Construction and Power

The high-pressure mercury vapour lamp onsists of an inner glass tube containing he arc sealed into an outer glass jacket. The arc-tube pressure is about one atmosphere, and the arc is constricted into a arrow cord along the axis of the tube. The outer envelope is filled with an inert tmosphere. There is a range of types, the lost powerful being in powers of the order for kw. or higher, with a brightness anging up to 100,000 candles per sq. cm. The spectrum is linear in character, and unrescent powders cannot be used with the high-brightness lamps; but, with in-

creasing pressure, there is an improvement in the colour, the main lines broadening, while the amount of continuous background increases. An amalgam of cadmium is sometimes used to improve the colour. Brightness increases with increases of loading per unit length in the arc column, which has been made possible, first, by the use of quartz tubes with molybdenum foil vacuumtight seals; and, later, by the introduction of water cooling, which dissipates approximately 70 per cent. of the radiated heat. The author described a number of lamps, including a compact source lamp with a maximum brightness of 18,000 c./sq. cm.; a self-contained metal box lamp which can be used without a lamphouse for the illumination of laboratory instruments; a 100-hour-life water-cooled high-pressure lamp with a luminous efficiency of 65 lumens per watt, a peak brightness of 30,000 c./sq. cm., and an internal pressure of about 75 atmospheres; and the B.T.H. syroposcopic tube, which can give recurring flashes at a predetermined frequency or be employed as synchronised flashlamp for ordinary photography. The author dealt extensively with the possible usages of the electric discharge lamp in photography, and suggested, finally, that in almost every case where a light source is required for photography, the user would be well advised to consider whether a mercury vapour lamp would offer any particular advantages over other forms of light source. A very vigorous discussion followed, and the meeting closed with hearty applause to Mr. Bourne for his excellent talk and demonstration, and for so capably answering the many questions which had been asked.





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A Report on Veterinary Practice

THE principal recommendation made by a Committee on Veterinary Practice by Unregistered Persons (Cmd. 6611, H.M. Stationery Office, price threepence) is that such practice should be prohibited under penalty. This conclusion is reached after a detailed study of the extent and effect of unregistered veterinary practice, and is subject to safeguards whereby existing unregistered practitioners will not penalised. Although no evidence was heard from any organisation even remotely connected with pharmacy (it is doubtful if the Committee ever thought about consulting such a body), there are nevertheless certain aspects of the report that claim the attention of pharmacists. Vigilance will be required, for example, in any Bill that may follow the report, as to the interpretation that may be put upon the phrase "Practice of veterinary surgery." According to the Committee, the words include "the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice or attendance as is usually performed or given by veterinary surgeons." It would not be difficult, in certain circumstances, to apply this interpretation to the simple act of ecommernding a condition powder for a dog, or to any other similar service that has been legitimately rendered by chemists for many years.

While recommending that unregistered veterinary practitioners of seven years' standing should be entitled to claim registration, the Committee urges they should not be allowed to style themselves "veterinary surgeons" or "veterinary practitioners," but suggest that the description "registered animal practitioners" would suffice. As the Committee also recommends that such persons "should have the same facilities for obtaining drugs . . . as are enjoyed by registered veterinary surgeons," its members have presumably considered the necessity for amendments to the poisons laws to include this new class of "authorised persons." The only other item of interest to the drug trade is a recommendation made in the last paragraph of the report (possibly as an afterthought, for it appears to have a less direct bearing on the Committee's terms of reference). In this recommendation the Committee suggests that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Secretary of State for Scotland should be empowered to control the advertisement and sale of veterinary medicines. In this connexion it will be remembered that a similar proposal was recently made by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society in regard to medicines for human use, the Ministry of Health being asked in that instance to take control.

Trading with France

The Board of Trade has announced that obstacles in the way of trading with persons in France which arose out of the Tradingwith-the-Enemy legislation have now been removed. Banking facilities between the two countries have been restored, subject to the operation of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, about which interested persons are advised to consult their bankers. The actual undertaking of commercial transactions depends, of course, on the availability of the necessary physical facilities (supply of goods, transport, etc.), and it remains necessary to comply with other regulations (export and import licensing and the parallel regulations of the French Government).

The general effect of three new Orders is that those provisions of the Trading With the Enemy Act, 1939, and the Custodian Orders, 1939, which remained in force after the liberation of metropolitan France and the principality of Monaco now cease to apply in respect of money and property accruing on or after March 29, 1945, to persons resident in that territory. Money which becomes payable to persons resident in France (or to certain concerns controlled by such persons) on or after March 29, 1945. and property coming into their ownership on or after March 29, 1945, cease to be subject to the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property. Money which has become due before March 29, 1945, but has not been paid or held to the order of the custodian, remains pavable to the custodian. Similarly, property in the United Kingdom which, before March 29, 1945, was subject to report to the Custodian, remains property to which Article 4 of the Trading With the Enemy (Custodian) Order, 1939, applies, and must not be parted with or dealt with without the consent of the Board of Trade. The Order also lifts the application of Sections 4 and 5 of the Trading With the Enemy Act, 1939, in respect of certain transactions which may be effected on or after March 29, 1945. The Orders concerned are numbered as follows: S. R. & O., 1945, Nos. 346, 347 and 348, all obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office.

A New Weed-killer

A new and revolutionary type of weedkiller for use in agriculture has been introduced by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. After exhaustive tests lasting two years, it is being put into use on a nationwide basis by the makers and the Ministry of Agriculture, through the County War Executive Committees. The preparation, which is known as methoxone, is a growth substance of plant-hormone type. In 1940 the discovery was made by I.C.I. that two chemicals of this type would kill charlock and many other weeds without harming cereal crops. Further research into planthormone substances showed that all had properties as selective weed-killers, some being extremely active. Methoxone was selected in 1942 as likely to be the most

useful for agricultural purposes, and in t same year investigations began in Brita on a parallel substance, chloroxone, t name given in Britain to a weed-kil recently publicised by the Americans a called by them D.C.P. The first expe ments with chloroxone as a weed-kill began in the United States in July 194 In Britain, field experiments on a lar scale with methoxone and chloroxone we carried out during 1943 and 1944 joint by I.C.I., Ltd., and the Agricultural R search Council. In the trials, methoxon proved itself the more effective.

The peculiar value of methoxone lies its selective activity. Trials already carrie out show that, when it is applied at a ra of I lb. per acre, weeds such as yello charlock, wild radish, corn buttercup an pennycress growing in corn are killed although the crop itself is unharmed. A important result is that weeds can be eliminated in the early stages of growth, before they have been given a chance to rob the crop of the food available in the soil.

Drug Trade in Eire

The Department of Industry and Trade Eire, has recently re-introduced the issue cofficial monthly returns relative to import into and exports from that country. Th figures given in the following table show the value of medicines, ointments, and druggists' wares imported into Eire during the years 1939–44, inclusive:—

Medicines and medicinal prepara- tions	Ointments and salves	Druggists' wares
£	£	£
356,084	13,731	29,030
362,252		36,050
387,618	11,671	31,758
413,136	29,964	39,360
373,309	24,500	18,807
433,837	32,354	19,453
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Only one of the three scheduled items, it will be noted, shows a falling-off of imports during the period under review. Export trade in drugs, medicines and preparations from Eire has always been small, and since 1939 has declined progressively from £4,556 to £2,726 in 1941, £1,427 in 1942, £410 in 1943, and £630 in 1944.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEES AND N.H.I.

last week's issue of the "C. & D." the working of National Health Insurance during the irty-three years of its existence was reviewed. One important outcome of the National ealth Insurance Act was the setting-up of statutory Pharmaceutical Committees. In e following article Mr. G. A. Tocher, M.P.S., Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Committee r the County of London, discusses the working of such Committees since their inception.

O much has happened since the introduction of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, that it is difficult to ive, in short compass, a survey of the ctivities of Pharmaceutical Committees vering a period of over thirty years. The ct came into force on July 15, 1912, but isured persons were not entitled to ledical Benefit until January 15, 1913. t the outset, the arrangements for the upply and dispensing of medicines, etc., n an area were made between the local county or county borough) Insurance committee and a body representing chemsts in the area. Steps were taken by the Pharmaceutical Society to establish, hroughout the country, local organisations to-terminous with the areas of Insurance Committees. The Pharmaceutical Standing Committee prepared a national tariff for drugs and dispensing charges, and this formed the basis of terms for agreement between chemists and the Insurance Committees. In London, the terms of service were agreed between the executive committee of the London County Pharmaceutical Association and the London Insurance Committee on December 23, 1912, when the tariff of charges was presented, together with the first Panel of Contractors in the area. The Act provided for the recognition of a local Medical Committee for each area, but in 1913 there was no Medical Committee for London. During this period the London County Executive undertook to ensure that an adequate and efficient service was provided for insured persons, and gave advice to chemists in settling doubts and difficulties experienced under the new régime.

Statutory Powers Given

Following the good offices of the late Sir William S. Glyn-Jones, Clause 33 (i) of the N.H.I. Act, 1913, provided for the election of local Medical and Pharmaceutical Committees, with statutory powers and duties. By the multifarious and useful character of the work done, the Pharmaceutical Committees have amply justified their existence. The several amending Acts since 1911, together with numerous Medical Benefit Regulations, have required the continued attention of the Committees,

calling for skill and administrative ability. In order to promote and maintain the efficiency of the pharmaceutical service, many conferences have been necessary with the Panel and Insurance Committees. Space forbids a full description of the work of a Pharmaceutical Committee, but a few items taken at random may be mentioned: Compilation of local pharmacopæias, standards for dressings, arrangement of rota services, complaints emanating from doctors, chemists and insured persons, and modifications of the Drug Tariff and terms of service. One difficult problem was the investigation of excessive prescribing in order to conserve the Drug Fund, in which chemists are, of course, vitally interested. Terms of service have been subject to frequent variations, and many conferences of Pharmaceutical Committees have taken place, as a result of which the negotiating body (the National Pharmaceutical Union) has been instructed to press for adequate increases in the scale of dispensing fees. In 1921 a dispensing fee of sixpence was fixed for mixtures, etc., and compound liquid medicaments, but in the following year there was an "economy cut" of one penny on each item in the scale of dispensing fees. Since October 1, 1941, an increase of one-sixth of the dispensing fees was granted for the duration of the war. Proper recognition of professional services by a satisfactory scale of professional fees has still to be obtained.

Considerable trouble was experienced for some years in pricing and checking chemaccounts, but the problem was eventually solved by the setting-up of the present Pricing Bureaux, and of the Central Checking Bureau of the N.P.U. Periodical statistical data have been compiled showing the progress and variations in the service, and it may be of interest to mention that in London the number of prescriptions dispensed in 1913 was 5,881,814, at an average cost of 6.3od.; in 1938 the number was 8,882,243, and the average cost 8.18d. The lowest figure during the war of 1914-18 was 3,931,345 (in 1917), at an average cost of 5.76d. The lowest during the present conflict was 5,526,931 in 1941, at an average cost of

10.33d.

N.H.S. IN PROSPECT

By the author of "N.H.I. in Retrospect" ("C. & D.," March 31, p. 329)

NDER the National Insurance Act the chemist's right to dispense was established, even if his contract for pharmaceutical service was on a commercial basis. From the Act the pharmacist acquired a certain status, and the foundations laid under N.H.I. ought now to be used for building a more comprehensive service for the community under the projected National Health Service.

Essential Factors in the Situation

Today, as in 1911, pharmacists stand on the threshold of a new era, in which radical changes will take place in the health services of the country. From the nature of their work and on account of their past services, chemists are bound to be involved in the changes. The situation demands, on the part of pharmacists and their representatives, the capacity to take a long view. They must be prepared to discard old ideas and to accept new principles. Two factors at least are essential. Pharmacists must secure the necessary qualifications to do all the work that can be allotted to them, and they must be prepared to give their whole time to providing the pharmaceutical service the State intends to give to each member of the community.

Dispensing Equipment

If existing facilities are indeed to be utilised, the chemist's shop of the future will probably contain a separate unit, acting as a national pharmaceutical dispensary, and representing in miniature the pharmaceutical department of a hospital. It will self-contained, fully equipped and stocked according to nationally accepted standards, and under the control of a pharmacist devoting his whole time to the work. Other trading activities may go on in the adjoining shop, but these will be merely additional interests of the proprietor. What matters is that the business of each unit of the national dispensing service-like each unit of the national postal service-will be carried on continuously during stated hours as a separate pharmaceutical centre. The chemist's shop is the natural place at which these national dispensing units should be established. Once they begin to function, other consequential changes will follow. control will have to be exercised over the establishment of the dispensaries, number of shops to be accepted in each district,

and details of staffing, equipment an internal arrangement. National standard will be approved for all contractors. Inspection is bound to follow these controls.

Control of Proprietaries

There will also have to be control over medicaments. At present there are thre classes of medicaments by means of which people receive treatment for illness: those prescribed for private patients and fo insured persons under the N.H.I. scheme those compounded extemporaneously in doctors' dispensaries; and proprietary and stock preparations prepacked for dis tribution to the public through various agencies, chemists' shops being one. Under a new health scheme doctors will no longer dispense their own medicines, and the first and second classes will both come to be dispensed at the dispensary unit of the chemist's shop. As the State will be responsible for the good health of the people, making arrangements for recognised practitioners to provide all requisite treatment. it will not be able to allow other and less suitable persons to compete with doctors in the treatment of the ailments and disabilities which afflict various members of the community. The State must, therefore, sooner or later exercise a much stricter control over the whole business of medicine manufacture and marketing. This could be done in four stages: by licence to manufacture, disclosure of formula, limitation of advertising, and restriction of distribution. If the State cannot stop selfmedication altogether it can at least control the making and distributing of the remedies used, and has already made a beginning by requiring disclosure of formula and by imposing a restriction on advertisements.

Restriction by Schedule

In a specialist age the chemist is bound to find himself selected—sooner or later—for the work which he is pre-eminently fitted to do. When the State requires the qualification by training and examination of persons designed to handle drugs and medicines—particularly those scheduled as potent drugs—can it logically do less than give to the persons qualified the distribution of all the drugs and medicines that are to be handled? The qualified pharmacist, more than any other person, possesses the knowledge of the properties and uses of

rugs, and is experienced in handling all lasses of remedies for human ailments. is such, he is specially fitted to be accepted s a responsible agent of the State, and to ake his place in the State scheme for the rovision of medicine and medical supplies. ontrol over many more classes of mediaments can be exercised through the rinciple of scheduling different prepara-ions and substances. The inclusion, in the st of substances forming schedules to the oison Regulations, of certain preparations, ot being direct poisons, and the distincions already made between substances sed for human consumption and otherwise, oint the way to the imposition of restricions on the sale of many more remedial gents by publication of new schedules of rugs, which may lead indirectly to the estriction of their distribution to qualified hemists. This is one way at least in which ontrol could be exercised by Government egulation.

Requirements for the Future

The pharmacy of the future may be isualised as the official dispensing depôt f the State; where the pharmacist will find ull scope for the application of his specialsed knowledge, and attain the professional tatus due to him. He must, however, be vorthy of it. He must fit himself by trainng and qualification, by post-graduate tudy and continuous reading and investigaion, to serve practitioner and patient alike n all things pertaining to the provision of nedicines and medical requisites. He must rain more, specialise more, get rid of ommercialism and develop his craft along ruly professional lines, rising to pportunities that each change in lifferent stages of the development of the ervice will bring with it. He must make imself fully conversant with all pharmaeutical operations, and make his pharmacy real professional workshop. But the obligations of the future do not rest entirely on the pharmacist. The State must also lo its part, and must be prepared to accord to the pharmacist three essentials for palanced pharmaceutical progress—adequate recognition of his ability and right o do all the dispensing work and to disribute all medical and surgical requisites; dequate representation on all adminisrative bodies dealing with the work and it each stage of control, both local and central; and adequate remuneration to cover the best service the pharmacist can give and to encourage the best men to indertake the work.

STAPHYLOCOCCUS TEST

A RAPID test for Staphylococcus aureus has been described by Lominski and Grossfeld ("British Medical Journal," 1944. I. 854). Two or three loopfuls of the suspect material (pus or purulent blood-clot) are added to a small test-tube containing 0.5 mil of a 4-8 times dilution of human plasma (citrated or oxalated) with o.85 per cent. saline, with which it is well mixed. If a swab moistened with the material is used, it is well squeezed out by dipping into the diluted plasma and pressing re-peatedly against the wall of the tube, which is kept at 37° C. and the test read after half, one, six and twelve hours. tube of uninoculated plasma serves as a negative test, and another, inoculated with a known S. aureus, as a positive. Coagulation of the plasma indicates presence of S. aureus. Materials from seventy-two cases were examined by the authors, the age of the specimens varying from two hours to four days. In twenty-eight cases no S. aureus was found. In forty-four, the organism occurred in numbers varying from three to innumerable colonies per 4-in. Petri plate. Of the positives, twenty were pure cultures and twenty-four were mixed with one or more of the following: B. pyocyaneus, B. proteus, diphtheroids, enterococci, streptococci sarcinæ, micrococci, anthracoids, coliforms, anærobes. In fortytwo (95 per cent.) the direct coagulase test Two cases, in which the was positive. direct test failed, were found to yield on primary culture a few colonies of S. aureus with a rich mixture of diphtheroids and enterococci.

Rapidity of Result

The quickest positive was obtained in twenty minutes, and the slowest after ten hours. Most of the positive tests were recorded after four hours, and those which were negative after the interval usually remained so. The presence of other organisms did not prevent a positive reaction except, rarely, where S. aureus was scanty. The early reading, however, should not be omitted, since a coagulum which forms within several hours may liquefy later owing to admixture with proteolytic bacteria. In no case was there a fallacious positive result in the absence of S. aureus. The value of the method is apparent, since the usual method involves obtaining a pure 18-hours broth culture of the coccus. When there is a rich mixed infection much difficulty, and delay up to three days or more, may occur.

U.C.A. DEBATES NORTHERN IRELAND BILL

A SPECIAL meeting of members of the Ulster Chemists' Association, to which associates had been invited, was held recently in Belfast, to consider amendments to the Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Bill, Northern Ireland. Mr. A. E. Johnston (president) was in the chair.

The following recommendations were sent forward from the meeting:—

Clause 4.—Provision should be made to protect the retailer. It should be a defence for a person charged with selling or supplying an

article in contravention of the provisions to this clause to prove:—

(1) That the article was sold by him in the original package or container as received,

(2) That he had no reason to believe that the formula was not disclosed or (if the formula is disclosed) that he had no reason to believe that the composition of the medicine did not conform with the disclosed formula.

Responsibility of Manufacturer

It is not always practicable for the retailer to discover whether or not the provisions of this clause have been fulfilled. E.g., if the article is packed in two containers he cannot always ascertain without defacing the package whether or not the inner container is labelled with the formula, and he cannot without carrying out an analysis discover whether or not the composition of the medicine is as stated in the disclosed formula. Responsibility should be placed upon (a) the person who manufactured the article if the article was manufactured in Northern Ireland, or (b) upon the person who first imported the article into Northern Ireland (whether a wholesaler or retailer) if the article was manufactured outside Northern Ireland.

Clause 5.—We are emphatically in favour of the provisions of this clause but feel that it does not go far enough. As a logical development the wholesaling of medicines direct from vans to retail customers should also be prohibited. A considerable wholesale business in van sales is carried on in Northern Ireland, and unless the recommended provision is inserted extreme difficulty in administration is foreseen. It is essential that a wholesaler should sell from a fixed address. In addition, sales of medicines (as distinct from poisons) should not be made

from automatic machines.

A joint committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, the U.C.A., and the Chemists' and Druggists' Society of Ireland recommended that the retail sale of substances recommended as medicines should be confined to retail pharmacists and registered druggists (with the necessary saving clauses for doctors, veterinary surgeons, and dentists). This provision has not been included. It is emphasised that the recommendation was made as a matter of public interest and was not prompted by a desire to secure a trading monopoly. The

intention of the present Bill is to enable supply of a medicine from the manufact to the consumer to be traced, and to prev the sale of fraudulent remedies. It is logica limit the channels of distribution as we recomended and although we are glad that the indicates a move in this direction we are y disappointed that much more has not been de

Restrictions on Supervision

Clause 17.—The principle is approved that pharmaceutical chemist cannot efficiently sur intend the business of more than one be corporate carrying on retail business as pl maceutical chemists. It is recommended t the provisions of this clause should be extend so that any person in any one of the follow classes may be debarred from acting at same time as superintendent of a body corpora (1) a pharmaceutical chemist carrying on re business as such on his own account, (2 pharmaceutical chemist engaged in any empl ment, whether retail or wholesale, which enga a substantial part of his time and in which pharmaceutical qualification is an import part of his conditions of employment, e.g. assistant in a retail pharmaceutical establi ment; assistant in a wholesale drug establi ment; commercial traveller, agent, or rep sentative of a manufacturer or wholesa whose business is substantially that of supply drugs and medicines.

The joint committee also recommended the not less than 51 per cent. of the shares in body corporate carrying on by retail the busin of pharmaceutical chemists should be own by a pharmaceutical chemist or pharmaceutichemists. It is understood that the Pharmaceutichemists. ceutical Society of Northern Ireland has ma strong representations upon this question, their recommendations are supported with greatest possible emphasis. Without this me fication, it is possible for any person, in eff-to carry on business as a retail pharmac provided he employs a pharmacist as super tendent. Pharmacy suffers by comparison w other professions in that it is associated necessity with retail trade, and pharmaceuti chemists therefore feel the need of the protect afforded by limited liability. It is unfa however, that the price of such protecti should be the opening of the pharmaceuti profession to any person without qualificat other than the possession of the necessa

capital.

Disciplinary Action Against Assistants

Clause 20.—It is pointed out that the appears to be no provision whereby the Stattory Committee has power to strike the natof an apprentice or assistant out of the regist and it is recommended that the necessary prosion should be included.

Clause 23.—It is recommended that Clau 23 should be amended by inserting a full-poi after the words "registered pharmaceutic chemist," and deleting the remainder of t

use. The clause as printed has aroused much entment in all quarters, and has, indeed, been most severely criticised in the entire Bill. e general feeling is strongly against making distinction between one pharmaceutical alification and another. The clause as printed uld prevent a person having taken any of modified examinations set up under the t of 1925 from being appointed as secretary. is pointed out that, in the 1925 Act, persons ing the modified examinations were specificy guaranteed all the rights and privileges of armaceutical chemists in Northern Ireland rt Two, Section 5, Paragraph 6b). The use as printed would also debar every ndation-member of the Society, and any son having the Great Britain qualification. is last might be prejudicial to the reciprocity eement with the Pharmaceutical Society of eat Britain. It is felt that the Council of the armaceutical Society of Northern Ireland y be relied upon to choose the most suitable didate, irrespective of which pharmaceutical mination he has passed.

Clause 36, Paragraph 5.—It is recommended this clause should be modified by inserting full point after the words "pharmaceutical emist" in paragraph 1, and deleting the nainder of the paragraph. The reasons for secommendation are the same as those set in our recommendation concerning paraph 23 (qualification of secretary). As the nister of Home Affairs appoints the Inspector is felt that there is no necessity to specify particular pharmaceutical qualification is asked that the records of prescriptions utaining poisons, which are required to be to by doctors, dentists and veterinary surses, should be subject to the same inspection similar records kept by authorised sellers of

Amendment to Pharmacy, Medicines and isons Act (Northern Ireland) 1925.—It is ommended that Section 16 (2) should be ended by deleting all the words following the rds "pharmaceutical chemist"; the feeling that the medical profession would welcome amendment, since some doctors are at sent required to undertake dispensing work addition to their normal medical duties, and uld be glad to be relieved of the extra burden.

heduled Poisons

Poisons Schedule.—It is recommended that reurous chloride and phenolphthalein be led to Part I of the Poisons Schedule. There at present a considerable retail business in prietary laxative medicines containing see substances, and in the public interest it divisable that they should be sold only under alified supervision. The indiscriminate use such substances is felt to be extremely danous, and confidence is expressed that the armaceutical Society and the Medical culty of Queen's University will support inclusion of these two substances in Part I the Poisons Schedule.

Clause 8.—It is recommended that Clause 8 the following clauses concerning member-

ship of the Society, setting up of Statutory Committee, and matters connected therewith, should be adopted, and that a provision should be included in the Bill to prevent unregistered persons from being trained in pharmacy, i.e., the compounding and dispensing of medicines and sale of poisons by retail should be conducted only by pharmaceutical chemists, or by registered apprentices under the supervision of pharmaceutical chemists. Provision should, of course, be made for the avoidance of individual hardship, and it might be found necessary to fix an appointed day for the introduction of the new provision, some time ahead. It should also be borne in mind that some chemists in Northern Ireland are permitted, by reason of having qualified before 1925, to train apprentices for the Eire pharmaceutical examination. Provision does not appear to have been made in the Bill to give the inspector adequate powers to enforce the provisions concerning the sale of poisons in Part 3 of the Poisons Schedule. Members ask that this should be clearly understood, and any necessary provisions included.

Ulster Associates' Section.—A meeting arranged by the Associates' Section of the Ulster Chemists' Association was held in Belfast on March 15, when the chairman (Mr. W. H. Boyd) gave an account of progress made by the Section since its formation, and particularly of work done on amendments to the National Arbitration Tribunal Award 269. The council of the Association had considered these in detail, and many anomalies had been cleared up. He outlined the provisions of the Pharmacy, Medicines and Poisons Bill, and the secretary of the Association (Mr. James McClenahan) gave a brief account of proposed amendments that had been ratified by a special general meeting of members and associates.

Londonderry Welcomes U.C.A. Officers.— The president and secretary of the Ulster Chemists' Association (Messrs. A. E. Johnston and James McClenahan) paid a visit to the Londonderry Chemists' and Druggists' Association recently. Dale occupied the chair. Both officers spoke at length on the new Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Bill (Northern Ireland) and on National Health Insurance matters. Members present expressed strong views on the inadequacy of N.H.I. remuneration. It was arranged that a special meeting of the Londonderry Association should be held forthwith to consider the Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Bill, and to forward its recommendations to the U.C.A. The hope was expressed that the visit of the U.C.A. officers would become an annual event.

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A REVISED list of proprietary insecticides and fungicides approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Department of Agriculture for Scotland has been issued. Products in groups other than those shown in the list have not yet become eligible for consideration under the scheme. The list comprises:—

Group A: Lead Arsenate Powders

Alvesco .. Murphy Chemical Co., Ltd. Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd. Boots Buggé's Insecticides, Ltd. Buggé's Corfe & Son, Ltd. Hemingway & Co., Ltd. Corfe's . . Hemway H. L. Hutchinson Hutchinson's . . Lunevale Products, Ltd. Lunevale McDougall's McDougall's (Super) Plant Protection, Ltd. arsenate) Mon Rose ... George Monro, Ltd. Murphy Chemical Co., Ltd. Murphy's Britannica Indus-P.B.I. Pan tries, Ltd. W. J. Craven & Co., Ltd. Technical Products, Technical Products, Ltd. Ltd.

Plant Protection, Ltd.

Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd.

Group B: Lead Arsenate Pastes

Corfe's (15 and 20 Corfe & Son, Ltd. per cent. As2O5) Eclipse Buggé's Insecticides, Ltd. Hemway (15-16 and 20 per cent.) Hemingway & Co., Ltd. Hemway colloidal Hutchinson's H. L. Hutchinson Hutchinson's colloidal Lunevale (15-16 and 20 per cent.) Lunevale Products, Ltd. Lunevale semifluid (15-16 and 20 per cent. Lunevale colloidal Lunevale Products, Ltd. Plant Protection, Ltd. McDougall's Mon Rose ... George Monro, Ltd. P.B.I. Britannica Indus-Pan

Group C: Lime Sulphur Washes

Berk's F. W. Berk & Co., Ltd. Boots Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd. Corfe's Corfe & Son, Ltd. W. J. Craven & Co., Ltd. Dussek Bros. & Co., Ltd. Craven's Dussek Eclipse Buggé's Insecticides, Ltd. H. L. Hutchinson Hutchinson's Lawes Chemical Co., Ltd. Lawes Limsul Plant Protection, Ltd. Longmate's E. C. Longmate, Ltd. Monro's George Monro, Ltd. Mon Rose Murphy Chemical Co., Ltd. Murphy's ... Sulfinette Plant Protection, Ltd.

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Group E: Stock-emulsion Tar-oil Winter

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Coal Co., Ltd.

George Monro, Ltd.

Washes .. Dussek Bros. & Co., Ltd. Dussek brand Edwent standard ... Edwards & Bent, Ltd. Emulsion Mortegg Murphy Chemical Co., Ltc Hibernol plus Pan Britannica Industries Hibernol special Ltd. Killgerm Killgerm Co., Ltd. . . Lawes Lawes Chemical Co., Ltd Longmate's standard E. C. Longmate, Ltd. George Monro, Ltd. Mon Rose W.X. Spraymac ... Plant Protection, Ltd. Sterilite William Butler & (Bristol), Ltd. Technical Products, Ltd. Technical Products, Ltd. Welspra S.E. .. Welsh Navigation Steam Coal Co., Ltd.

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Group F: Organo-mercury Dry Seed

dressings
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the sole active principle.)

Abavit B . . British Schering, Ltd.

Agrosan G . . . Plant Protection, Ltd.

Ceresan . . Bayer Products Ltd.

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oup J: Copper Fungicides (Exclusive of Seed-dressings) to be Used as Dusts

Chief crops for which products are recomnded given in brackets; labels give full uses instructions:

W. J. Craven & Co., Ltd. pryl (hop, apple and pear)

ngmate's Borleaux (potato, celery) ngmate's origind copper (hop, pple and pear) Dougall's dry Bordeaux (hop) rphy's copper ime dust (hop,

pple and pear)

rphy's potato relan I (potato)

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E. C. Longmate, Ltd.

Plant Protection, Ltd.

Murphy Chemical Co., Ltd.

Plant Protection, Ltd.

Group K: Copper Fungicides (Exclusive of Seed-dressings) to be Used as Sprays

Chief crops for which products are recommended given in brackets; labels give full uses and instructions:

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VETERINARY ABSTRACTS

Zinc Phosphide Poisoning of Poultry.— Zinc phosphide is being extensively used for the destruction of rats, and cases of poisoning of poultry have been reported. In the "Veterinary Record" (January 13, p. 17) Hare and Orr report that, after feeding thirty-seven geese, twenty-two were found dead during the morning. The food was found to contain gr. 1½ zinc phosphide per oz., and of two gizzards one contained gr. $\frac{1}{18}$, and the other gr. $\frac{1}{7}$ per ounce. In another case ten pullets were found dead out of sixteen which had been fed. There was acute necrosis of the liver, engorgement of the heart by dark blood and an odour of carbide in the gizzard contents.

Horse Poisoned by Water Dropwort.— Milne ("Veterinary Record," January 20, p. 30) records the poisoning of a horse by Enanthe crocata (water dropwort). The horse developed maniacal symptoms. Although a full dose of chloral hydrate was given per rectum, and carbamylcholine hypodermically, the animal sank to a recumbent position and later died. Extermination of this dangerous weed from pastures to which stock have access is urged. The herb is well known to pharmaceutical students as a possible adulterant of hemlock. It may be readily distinguished by its tuberculated roots, the juice of which turns yellow on exposure to the air.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represe the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not inclumarine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergen

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, April 4

LITTLE of interest has occurred in the London drug markets in the few days since our last report. Prices are firm, without appreciable fluctuation. Conditions in the Pharmaceutical Chemicals markets remain quietly steady, with quoted prices unchanged except for a substantial reduction in the scale of prices for SANTONIN, details of which will be published in next week's issue. Most of the business in CRUDE DRUGS has come from the home consuming trades, and prices are maintained at about the levels noted last week. The usual periodical survey of available stocks of drugs and chemical products is being made by the Directorate of Medical Supplies; the current list of drugs contains several additions. Aloes is not in good supply. The Ministry of Supply has decided to reduce the present selling price of all grades of refined ARSENIC by £10 per ton from April 3. CANADA BALSAM is firm at the lower price recently recorded. Spot stocks of Benzoin are exhausted, and buyers are obtain their requirements. Zanzibar CLOVES, the only variety available, is steady. Demand for Colocynth is quiet, and the price is unchanged. Firm conditions obtain for GUM ACACIA. SENNA is in good demand at unaltered rates. Remaining supplies of TURMERIC are firmly held. Waxes are unchanged. There is no change to report in the price of the Essen-TIAL OILS distributed under the control scheme, and no alteration is made in the existing price of refined oils and imported edible animal fats allocated to primary wholesalers and large trade users during the eight-week period April 1 to May 26. Some reductions are notified, however, in the official price of various grades of SPERM.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ACETANILIDE.—Steady at 2s. 5d. per lb. for crystals, and 2s. 6d. for powder.

AMPHETAMINE.—Quoted by makers at 150s. per lb.

ASPIRIN—Demand continues fair. Prices, in quantities of 28 lb. to 1 cwt. (containers in brackets), are as follows: 4s. (1-lb.); 3s. 10½d. (4-lb.); 3s. 9½d. (7-lb.); 3s. 9d. (14-lb.); 3s. 8½d. (28-lb.).

BARIUM SULPHATE (x-ray).—Quoted at the following rates per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—

r cwt. (containers in brackets): 1s. 5½d. (1-lb
1s. 4d. (4-lb.); 1s. 3d. (7-lb.); 1s. 2½d. (14-lb
1s. 2d. (28-lb.).

Brucine.—Current rates per oz. are follows: Alkaloid.—Under 25 oz., is. $4\frac{1}{2}$ C 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 4d.; 100 oz. a under 500 oz., is. $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. Nitrate and Sulphat—Under 25 oz., is. $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. Nitrate and under i oz., is. 3d.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

CALAMINE, B.P.C.—Prices are steady as follows: 7-lb., is. 8d. per lb.; 28-lb., is. 6d.

CITRATES.—Makers' prices per lb. are follows: Potassium, in 28-lb.—1-cwt. lc (containers in brackets): 3s. 6½d. (1-lb) 3s. 5d. (4-lb.); 3s. 4d. (7-lb.); 3s. 3½d. (14-lb) 3s. 3d. (28-lb.); IRON AND AMMONIUM (SCALE: B.P., is at 2d. per lb. above, and Sodium is 3d. per lb. below these prices. Potassium a Sodium powder, one penny per lb. extra.

CODEINE.—Current prices per oz., for sm lots, are as follows: Base.—½ oz., 55s. 3d.; 1 o 55s. 3d.; 2 oz., 51s. 3d.; 3 oz., 50s. 6d.; 4 o 50s. 3d. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 50s.; 1 o 47s. 6d.; 2 oz., 46s.; 3 oz., 45s. 3d.; 4 o 45s. Phosphate.—½ oz., 43s. 9d.; 1 o 41s. 3d.; 2 oz., 39s. 9d.; 3 oz., 39s.; 4 o 38s. 9d.

Lactates.—Prices are as follows: Lactacid.—Six-winchester lots, 3s. per lb.; small quantities, 3s. id. Calcium lactate.—Small quantities, 2s. 5d. per lb. Calcium sodiu lactate.—Powder, small lots, 3s. 7d. per lb 14-lb., 3s. 4d.; 28-lb., 3s. 2d.; granular, of penny per lb. extra.

Magnesium carbonate, light.—Maker home market prices per lb., in quantities 28 lb.—I cwt., are as follows (containers brackets): Is. 3½d. (I-lb.); Is. 2d. (4-lb. Is. Id. (6-lb.); Is. 0½d. (I4-lb.); Is. (28-lb) Prices net one month.

MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE.—Home mark prices per lb., for quantities of 28 lb.—I cwl are as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 9 (1-lb.); 3s. 7½d. (4-lb.); 3s. 6½d. (7-lb.); 3s. 6 (14-lb.); 3s. 5½d. (28-lb.). Prices net one mont

SANTONIN.—We are advised that a revise schedule of prices, which came into force (April 3, and which shows substantial reduction in values, has been agreed upon. Details we be published in next week's issue.

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Crude Drugs

ALOES.—There are no spot supplies at esent.

ARSENIC.—Selling price of refined (all grades) is been reduced by £10 per ton.

BALSAMS.—Canada, steady at IIS. 6d. per .; Peru, 7s. 9d. to 8s., duty paid; Tolu and paiba, unobtainable.

Benzoin.—Demand continues, but spot supies are exhausted.

Buchu.—New crop is quoted at 5s. 3d. per CARDAMOMS.—Current spot prices are as

llows: Aleppy greens, 5s. 6d. per lb.; Aleppy

ed, 6s. 6d.; split seed, 5s. 6d.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar, spot, sellers at is. 51d. r lb.

COLOCYNTH.—Fair white pulp is priced at . rold. per lb., on spot.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—Portuguese, spot, 140s. er cwt.; English, 2s. 6d. per lb.

Ergot.—Supplies are scarce. Any available od-quality material would be worth 6s. 6d. er lb.

GUM ACACIA.—Kordofan cleaned sorts, spot, s. per cwt.; bleached, spot, 175s.; Talha, eaned, 50s. per cwt., landed.

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QUILLAIA BARK.—Crushed or cut, spot, os. per cwt.; natural, 8os.; shipment, s., c.i.f.

Rhubarb.—Rough-round is unobtainable at esent.

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STROPHANTHUS SEED.—100 per cent. Kombé seed, unchanged at 7s. to 7s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity.

TRAGACANTH.—Medium grades are quoted as follows: No. 1, white, £130 per cwt.; No. 2, white, £115; No. 3, white, £100; No. 4, white, £85; pale leaf, £60; amber leaf, £50; dark amber, £40; brown leaf, £30; red-and-brown leaf, £25; red leaf, from £20; hoggy, £12 to £15.

TURMERIC.—Spot supplies are in small com-

pass and the price is firm.

Valerian root.—Only powdered root is available; price, 120s. per cwt.

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CITRONELLA.—Ceylon, spot, about 21s. per lb.; Java, approximately 27s. 6d.

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Nutmeg.—English distillers' prices steady at around 45s. per lb.

RAPESEED.—Official price remains at £88 per ton, naked ex works.

Sperm.—The following reductions have been notified for the five weeks ending May 5: Crude heads, reduced to £54 per ton; blubber, to £54; carcase, to £52; No. 3, to £51, all ex store, drums included. If naked ex works, prices are at £3 per ton less.

CORRESPONDENCE

Herbert Skinner Memorial

SIR,—At a meeting of the executive committee of the North London Pharmaceutical Association held on March 23, it was unanimously agreed to make an appeal for a memorial to the late Mr. Herbert Skinner. It was agreed that any moneys collected should be used for furnishing the Codex Committee room in the new building in Brunswick Square. A small committee was selected, consisting of Messrs. T. C. Neville Booth, A. E. Footitt, and G. F. Weiss, with Mr. J. C. Young as treasurer. May I ask you to give publicity to this appeal?

Yours faithfully, GEORGE F. WEISS. London, N. for executive committee, North London Pharmaceutical Association.

Centenary of a Business

SIR,—Recently we celebrated the centenary of our business, on which you published an article in your issue of June 1, 1935. The premises have not been altered since that date, with the exception of new window enclosures put in by S. Maw, Son & Sons, Ltd., a few years ago, which effected a great improvement without altering the character of the premises. The business was established by my uncle, the late Mr. T. B. Baker, who joined the Pharmaceutical Society the following year (1846), the number of his diploma being 2056. The business developed and became the first bank and first post office in Cosham, as well as the centre of veterinary and agricultural business in the surrounding country. My uncle carried on for fifty-six years, and I succeeded him, taking over on Lady Day, 1901. I am thus now completing forty-four years of proprietorship. In my time Cosham has changed from a country village three miles away from Portsmouth to one of the largest wards of the city. Next week I hope to refill our fine old 12-gall. carboys, which had to be emptied for safety during the war period. This is not an easy job at my age, but I am making the attempt.

Yours faithfully, Cosham, Portsmouth. C. H. BAKER.

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(From "The Trade Marks Journal," March 7) "Spring Song"; for edible oils and fats (20)

By S. G. Stevens, Ltd., 2 Shirley Street

Hove, 3. 632,976.
"Golden Grill."; for vinegar (30). B
Fletcher's Sauce Co., Ltd., Barlby Road Selby, Yorks. 632,358 (Associated).

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," March 21 "Denco"; for chemical products for use i medical science (1). By The Denver Che mical Manufacturing Co., c/o Mewburr Ellis & Co., 70 and 72 Chancery Lane, Lon

don, W.C.2. 629,845.

"Sun-Glo"; for perfumes, cosmetics, toile preparations, etc. (3); pharmaceutical preparations (excluding medicated salts) (5) By F. Tattersall, 45 Bank Hey Street Blackpool. 631,788-89 (both Associated).

"ELASEL"; for toilet preparations (3). B Rushtons (Wholesale), Ltd., 52 West Street

Southport. 632,084. "Snowtex"; for laundry bleaching prepara tions and ammonia (3). By M. M. Hunte & Co., 103 Giles Street, Leith, Edinburgh, (

632,256.
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"RENTOKIL" (device of beetle—disclaimed) for insecticides (5). By Rentokil, Ltd., 16 Stockwell Road, London, S.W.9. 629,80 (Associated).

"VENSORB"; for carbon prepared for use i medicine and pharmacy (5). By Sutcliffe Speakman & Co., Ltd., Guest Street, Leigh

Lancs. 630,745. "CARZOLINE"; for pharmaceutical analepti and stimulant preparations for use in th treatment of cardiac complaints (5). B

Savory & Moore, Ltd., 61 Welbeck Stree London, W.r. 631,296 (Associated). "Swansdown"; for sanitary towels; and for toilet paper, paper handkerchiefs and paper. tissue (all medicated) (5). By Swan Mi Paper Co., Ltd., 92 Regent Street, Londor

W.I. 631,453 (Associated).
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(5). By Calmic, Ltd., Lostock Grange, West houghton, Lancs. 631,738.

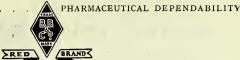
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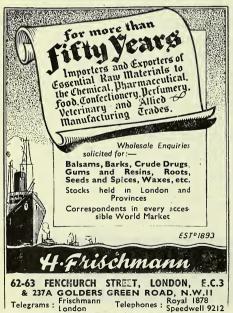
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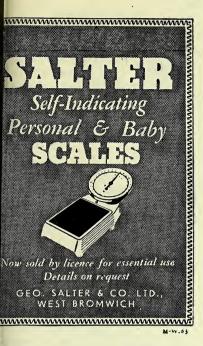
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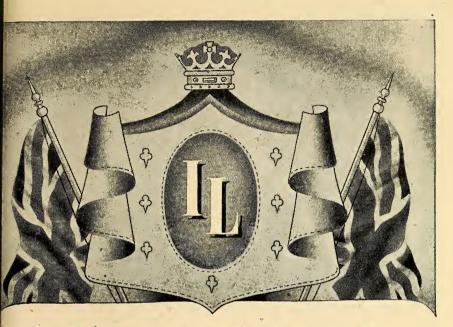
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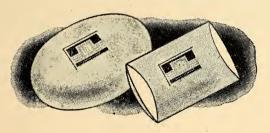
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